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SUBJECT: 25TH GOVERNING COUNCIL - ASSISTANCE TO
DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA - AGENDA ITEM 9

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION WAS CIRCULATED TO GOVERNING
COUNCIL AT OPENING OF MORNING SESSION JUNE 26. ON REQUEST
OF UK AND US ACTION ON DRAFT DECISION POSTPONED HOPEFULLY
UNTIL TOMORROW. MEANWHILE INFORMAL MEETING OF INTERESTED
DELS TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS TO WHICH DRAFT DECISION MAY
GIVE RISE SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 PM TODAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

HAVING EXAMINED DOCUMENT DP/339 ON ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT-
STRICKEN COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND ADJACENT AREAS,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL BUREAU FOR
AFRICA UPDATING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THAT REPORT,

CONSIDERING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 3054 (XXVIII), BY WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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REQUESTED THAT THOSE DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES OF THE
SAHELIAN REGION THAT WERE NOT AMONG THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES SHOULD ENJOY BENEFITS SIMILAR TO THOSE GIVEN
TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNTIL THE SPECIFIC CON-
SEQUENCES OF THE DROUGHT WERE ELIMINATED IN THE COUNTRIES
CONCERNED,

1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR;

2. AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATOR, IN APPLICATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3054 (XXVIII), TO INCREASE THE CURRENT IPFS OF MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL BY 6.4 PER CENT, USING THE RESOURCES OF "IPF FOR FUTURE PARTICIPANTS" FOR THE PURPOSE, AND TO GRANT THOSE COUNTRIES DURING THE PERIOD 1977-1981 THE OTHER BENEFITS ENJOYED BY THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

3. DURING GENERAL GOVERNING COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 9 USDEL, IN LIGHT OF SUGGESTIONS THAT IPFS FOR MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL BE INCREASED AND PROPOSAL THAT THESE COUNTRIES BE TREATED DURING THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT CYCLE AS THOUGH THEY WERE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, RAISED QUESTION CONCERNING THE PROPRIETY OF TAKING SUCH DECISIONS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF UN MEMBER STATES AS IN THE CATEGORY OF LEAST DEVELOPED.

4. USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON EXTENT TO WHICH IT SHOULD RESIST PROPOSED DECISION. IN INFORMAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON USDEL INTENDS INTER ALIA QUESTION APPROPRIATENESS OF DRAWING ON IPF RESERVED FOR FUTURE PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND NOTE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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MID-CYCLE REVIEW IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF THE APPROPRIATENESS OF EXISTING IPFS. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE CITATION OF GA RESOLUTION 3054 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED SPECIAL TREATMENT OF MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON RELEVANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION (PARTICULARLY OPERATIVE PARA 11) IN THIS CONTEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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